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SUBJECT: REPAIR OF OMAN'S TOW COMPONENTS IN IRAN

REF: A) TEHRAN 3511
B) MUSCAT 508

1. PROPOSED IRANIAN SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE OF OMAN'S
TOW MISSILES WOULD CONSTITUTE THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER BUT
WOULD NOT ENTAIL 30-DAY ADVANCE CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION
OR USG RECEIPT OF TRANSFER AND USE ASSURANCES FROM IRAN.

2. SECTION 3(D) OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT (AECA)
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CONCERNING THE CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT, WAS
AMENDED IN 1977 TO EXEMPT FROM THAT REQUIREMENT "TEMPORARY
TRANSFERS OF DEFENSE ARTICLES FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF
RECEIVING MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, OR OVERHAUL," AS WELL AS
TRANSFERS OF SERVICES OR PARTS USED IN SUCH MAINTENANCE,
REPAIR, OR OVERHAUL, PROVIDED THAT ORIGINAL MILITARY
CAPABILITIES ARE NOT EXCEEDED. (THIS EXEMPTION DOES NOT,

OF COURSE, OBVIATE NEED FOR TRANSFEROR TO SEEK AND OBTAIN
USG CONSENT PRIOR TO TRANSFER). NO EXPRESS RETRANSFER
ASSURANCES FROM GOI TO USG ARE NECESSARY, SINCE IRAN HAS
ALREADY PROVIDED SUCH ASSURANCES IN CONNECTION WITH ITS OWN
PURCHASE OF TOW MISSILES FROM THE US AND IS AWARE OF OUR
REQUIREMENTS. FURTHERMORE, WE ASSUME THAT ANY AGREEMENT
BETWEEN IRAN AND OMAN WILL INCLUDE SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS
FOR THE RETURN OF THE MISSILES TO OMAN FOLLOWING MAIN-
TENANCE.

3. ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD CONVEY USG WILLINGNESS TO
CONSENT TO THIS TEMPORARY TRANSFER TO APPROPRIATE HOST
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. YOU SHOULD ASK TO BE INFORMED WHEN
AND IF PROPOSED AGREEMENT MATERIALIZES. AT SUCH TIME,
ASSUMING AGREEMENT IS AS CONTEMPLATED IN REF B, EMBASSY
MUSCAT MAY INFORM OMANGOV IN WRITING THAT USG APPROVES
TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF TOW MISSILES TO IRAN FOR REPAIR AND
MAINTENANCE. CHRISTOPHER

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